

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (currently amended) A compound ~~8 to 80~~ 12 to 50 nucleobases in length targeted to a nucleic acid molecule encoding diacylglycerol acyltransferase 2 (SEQ ID NO: 4), wherein said compound is ~~specifically hybridizable~~ at least 80% complementary to said nucleic acid molecule encoding diacylglycerol acyltransferase 2, and wherein said compound comprises at least an 8 nucleobase portion of SEQ ID NO: 35.
2. (canceled)
3. (currently amended) The compound of claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1 comprising 15 to 30 nucleobases in length.
4. (original) The compound of claim 1 comprising an oligonucleotide.
5. (original) The compound of claim 4 comprising an antisense oligonucleotide.
6. (original) The compound of claim 4 comprising a DNA oligonucleotide.
7. (original) The compound of claim 4 comprising a RNA oligonucleotide.
8. (original) The compound of claim 4 comprising a chimeric oligonucleotide.
9. (original) The compound of claim 4 wherein at least a portion of said compound hybridizes with RNA to form an oligonucleotide-RNA duplex.
10. (canceled)
11. (original) The compound of claim 1 having at least 90% complementarity with said nucleic acid molecule encoding diacylglycerol acyltransferase 2.
12. (original) The compound of claim 1 having at least 95% complementarity with said nucleic acid molecule encoding diacylglycerol acyltransferase 2.
13. (currently amended) The compound of claim 1 having 100% complementarity with said nucleic acid molecule encoding diacylglycerol acyltransferase 2.
14. (original) The compound of claim 1 having at least one modified internucleoside linkage, sugar moiety, or nucleobase.
15. (original) The compound of claim 1 having at least one 2'-O-methoxyethyl sugar moiety.
16. (original) The compound of claim 1 having at least one phosphorothioate internucleoside linkage.
17. (original) The compound of claim 1 having at least one 5-methylcytosine.
18. (withdrawn)

- 19. - 21. (canceled)
- 22. (original) A kit or assay device comprising the compound of claim 1.
- 23. - 40. (withdrawn)
- 41. - 43. (canceled)
- 44. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein said compound comprises an antisense nucleic acid molecule that is specifically hybridizable with a coding region of the diacylglycerol acyltransferase 2 (SEQ ID NO: 4).
- 45. - 48. (canceled)
- 49. - 57. (withdrawn)
- 58. (new) The compound of claim 1, wherein said compound is 20 nucleobases in length.
- 59. (new) The compound of claim 13 having at least one modified internucleoside linkage, sugar moiety, or nucleobase.
- 60. (new) A compound 20 nucleobases in length targeted to a nucleic acid molecule encoding diacylglycerol acyltransferase 2 (SEQ ID NO: 4), wherein said compound has the nucleobase sequence of SEQ ID NO: 35.